

HOUSE RESOLUTION 236

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Lee Potts on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, David Lee Potts will celebrate his eightieth birthday on April 17, 2016, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Potts served his country in the Air Force from 1953 to 1957 as an airplane electrician; and

WHEREAS, he returned to military service in 1961 and served with the Army until 1979, when he retired at the E9 level as a Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Potts served in Korea for thirteen months and completed three tours of duty in Vietnam, during which time he earned the respect of his fellow soliders and commanding officers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, while stationed in Corpus Christie, Mr. Potts helped convert a Navy aircraft carrier into a helicopter repair ship called the "Corpus Christie Bay," which subsequently led to his status as plank owner for that vessel; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Army, he further served as an electrician, a crew chief, a quality control engineer, a helicopter mechanic instructor, in which position he wrote the proficiency exam, and an advisor to the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Potts approaches his ninth decade, he remains an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate David Lee Potts on the celebration of his eightieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for good health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.